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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, TH, US

SUBJECT: GAO INVESTIGATION OF MAYAGUEZ INCIDENT

REF: A. BANGKOK 14955 B. STATE 176436

1. THE DCM MET WITH GAO REPRESENTATIVES ON THE AFTERNOON OF JULY 28 TO DISCUSS THEIR EIGHT POINTS OF INTEREST CONTAINED IN REF A. WE PROVIDED COPIES OF UNCLASSIFIED LETTERS AND AIDES MEMOIRES TO AND FROM THE RTG AND OF ALL THAI PUBLIC STATEMENTS WHICH WE HAVE ON FILE. WE ALSO PROVIDED THE TIMES OF CONTACT BETWEEN U.S. AND THAI OFFICIALS AND THE BROAD CONTEXT IN WHICH THE EXCHANGES OF AIDES MEMOIRES TOOK PLACE. WE TOLD THEM THAT DECISION ON RELEASE OF CLASSIFIED INFORMATION COULD BE MADE ONLY IN WASHINGTON

2. REGARDING POINT 6 IN REF A, THE INVESTIGATORS PASSED TO US FIVE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS WHICH WE DID NOT ATTEMPT TO ANSWER ON THE SPOT BUT PLAN TO HANDLE ON BASIS SET FORTH IN REF B.

A. WHO HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR ISSUING A MARINER'S WARNING FOR THOSE AREAS OF WATER TRAVELED BY THE MAYAGUEZ BETWEEN HONG KONG AND SATTAHIP, THAILAND?

B. DID ANY OFFICE OF THE ROYAL THAI GOVERNMENT OR ANY OTHER OFFICE ISSUE A MARINER'S WARNING AS A RESULT OF THE CAPTURE OF THAI FISHING BOATS DURING THE PERIOD MAY 1-12?

C. IF A WARNING WAS ISSUED, WHO ISSUED IT, WHEN WAS IT  
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ISSUED, TO WHOM WAS IT ISSUED, AND WHERE CAN WE GET A

COPY OF THE WARNING?

D. IF A WARNING WAS NOT ISSUED, HAD ONE BEE CONSIDERED?  
IF SO, WHAT WERE THE REASONS FOR NOT ISSUING SUCH A  
WARNING?

E. WAS THE NAVAL ATTACHE OFFICE AWARE OF THE SEIZURE OF  
A PANAMANIAN REGISTERED SHIP ON MAY 7 AND AN ATTACK ON A  
SOUTH KOREAN FREIGHTER ON MAY 4? WAS THE NAVAL ATTACHE  
OFFICE AWARE OF A MARITIME WARNING ISSUED BY THE KOREAN  
GOVERNMENT TO ITS SHIPS AS A RESULT OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED  
ATTACKS?

3. ON POINT SEVEN, WE SAID WE WERE UNAWARE OF ANY COM-  
MUNICATION LINKS OR CHANNELS BETWEEN GRUNK AND THE RTG.  
ON POINT EIGHT, WE SUGGESTED THEY CONTACT THE SHIPPING COMPANIES.  
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